

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Various claims are being added. No new matter is being added by virtue of the amendment to the claims.

Chih (USP 6,334,175) discloses a memory allocator that allocates memory or different memory spaces. Chih does not in any way disclose or suggest a method including "reducing the memory capacity of the device in accordance with the determined amount to produce a device having a reduced memory capacity and a dormant memory capacity".

Sullivan et al. (USP 5,684,974) discloses a digital computer that includes separate replaceable memory banks on daughter cards, in order to provide an expandable memory. Sullivan et al. does not in any way disclose or suggest an assembly including "an apparatus; and a device disposed in said apparatus and having a reduced memory capacity and a dormant memory capacity".

Williams et al. (USP 6,397,290) discloses a computer system including a memory module and an ECC memory. Williams et al. does not in any way disclose or suggest an assembly including "an apparatus; and a device disposed in said apparatus and having a reduced memory capacity and a dormant memory capacity".

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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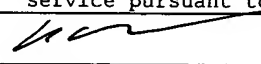
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